



# VIEWS FROM THREE VILLAGES

Times are a changing!

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How Westhampnett has changed over the years! This excerpt is taken from Vision of Britain <http://w.visionofbritain.org.uk/place/9058>

*HAMPNETT (WEST), or WESTHAMPNETT, a parish and a district in Sussex. The parish lies 1½ mile NNW of Drayton r. station, and 1 ½ NE of Chichester; and it contains the hamlets of Westerton, Mandling, and*

*Woodcote. Post town, Chichester. Acres, 1,899. Real property, £, 898. Pop. in 185, 637; in 186, 502. Houses, 73. The manor belongs to the Duke of Richmond. West Hampnett Place is a Tudor edifice, with a modern front; was built by Richard Sackville, uncle of the first Lord Buckhurst; passed to the Duke of Richmond; and was converted by him into the West*

*Hampnett Workhouse. ...*

There was even a hospital, St. Mary Magdalen of Loddeshdown was situated at 'Maudlins' Farm in West Hampnett; . It was originally a house for lepers; a bequest made in 1404 by John Tregoz 'for the maintenance of the poor in the hospital of St. Mary Magdalen, on the way to Chichester' to 'the poor of Loddeshdowne' as late as 1418.

**Keep up-to-date at:**

- <http://www.westhampnettpc.co.uk>
- [Facebook/westhampnettpc](https://www.facebook.com/westhampnettpc)



## Contacts

Please remember that members of the Parish Council can always be contacted if there is anything going on in the Parish that gives you concern:

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## Parish Council Meetings

Meetings are held at The March Primary School hall, at 7pm.

Check the website or Facebook page for agenda details.

In attendance are your parish councilors, district councilors, representatives from Rolls Royce and the police.

Come along to the next one and see what goes on.



Contact the Parish Council if there is anything going on in the Parish that gives you concern:

Monday 19th January at 7pm

Monday 16th March at 7pm

Monday 18th May at 7pm

Monday 20th July at 7pm

Monday 21st September at 7pm

Monday 16th November at 7pm

## Chair's report

The future of Westhampnett village separated from Chichester by open countryside now lies in the hands of a government inspector. The Parish Council had consistently and robustly opposed any development on either side of Madgwick Lane rather argued that sites within the existing settlements of the parish could accommodate housing numbers required by the CDC local plan. A huge amount of time and effort has been put into the Parish Council's opposition to this proposed development along with the professional services of Bob Hull from Henry Adams, who has advised and acted on our behalf at meetings and inquiries. More recently Goodwood and

Rolls Royce have also voiced their outright hostility to the proposed plans.

The Parish Council has been in protracted discussions with Southern Water concerning the flooding and sewage problems within our community. We



have been informed by Southern Water

that details a major investment to are to be announced shortly. We are hopeful that this will solve the problems experienced in past years. The parish council's perseverance in establishing a 30mph through the village and Madgwick lane has finally paid off. the illuminated sign

are unable to be re-programmed and have to be completely replaced. This will be done in due course

Three members of the Parish Council are retiring in May 2015. If you are have an interest in your parish affairs and would like to know more contact one of the parish councilors in the newsletter

We now have a new website set up by our parish clerk Greg Burt who will be dating it on a regular basis

A Very Happy Christmas to everyone.

Bob Holman



**Could you make a difference to local affairs?**

**Three parish councilors will retire May 2015 and we need replacements.**



## Westhampnett Parish Council Website Comes back to Life!!

**After** many months of dormancy, the Parish Council's website has been given a new lease of life.

It is now fully functional again, listing all the dates of forthcoming meetings, plus agendas and minutes, so you can see what the Council has been discussing and trying to do.

County and District Councillor details have been added to the Councilors' page and two new pages have been created to make the site more interesting, one about the history of the par-

ish and another about the hard-working volunteers who help keep the villages tidy.

Parish Clerk Greg Burt said "We are really sorry that the site was somewhat out of action for a while, but we hope that now it is all up to date again, residents will find it interesting and useful. We know it's not all-singing and all-dancing, but it does what it says on the tin!

Greg added "We would be delight-

ed to hear of suggestions for other pages that residents would find useful and also, if there are more groups serving the parish that would like a link on the page to their page, please drop me a line."

• <http://www.westhampnettpc.co.uk>



Check out the website or Facebook for up-to date details on planning, meetings and anything else

# Nature Notes

The old land fill site that lies to the east of Coach Road has a new management plan worked out between the WSCC and the Parish council. Skylarks have been nesting there for some years and its been difficult to accommodate their requirements and the grassland management needed to sustain the soil structure. Last year's very wet winter didn't help the situation as the clay capping is impossible to get on with heavy machinery and large stones work their way to the surface and if the ground is not rolled would damage mowing equipment later in the year. There are weeds such as docks, fat hen and ragwort that need to be controlled with selective weed killers and

chain harrowing to keep the sward healthy.

Skylarks start singing and establishing territories during March and lay their first eggs late April early May depending on the season. Spraying and rolling need to be accomplished where ever possible before the first clutch is laid,

A Skylark.



using suitable equipment this should be able to be achieved. during May June and most of July no cultivations will take place there by allowing the skylarks to raise two broods be-

fore a crop of hay is taken. if further spraying and rolling it will be done in September and sheep will be brought in to graze over the winter, they also consolidate the soil without damaging the structure as cattle would do in a wet winter. We are being allowed to survey the site for numbers of birds and in what areas of the field they are nesting.

Hopefully this management scheme will act as a format for other WSCC sites



Skylarks start singing and establishing territories during March



# MAY 2015

## YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

Reduction in Local Government funding may see services you take for granted reduced in the future. Your Parish Council could step in and fill the void in your community – to do this it will need your skills & enthusiasm

### **Become a Local Councillor: Make a difference**

Elections for Town & Parish Councils will be held in May 2015

If you would like to make a difference and be involved in shaping the future of the local community...

**...why not stand for election?**



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Are you concerned  
about your local  
area?

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Do you want to  
represent the views of  
local people?

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Do you want to  
contribute your  
business or personal  
skills and expertise?

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Are you passionate about  
services provided to your  
community?

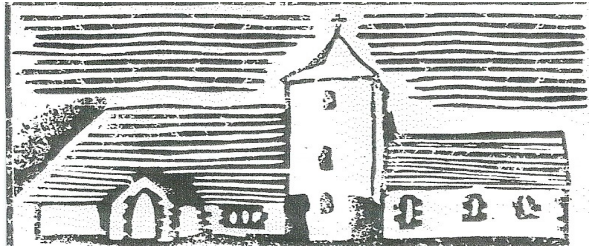
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**For more information**



St Peter's Church

[https://  
stpeterswesthampnett.org](https://stpeterswesthampnett.org)

### SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	8.00am	Holy Communion.
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	9.45am	Parish Eucharist. Coffee after the service.
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	9.45am	Parish Eucharist.
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	9.30am	Sunday School  Produce stall
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	7.00pm	Carol Service
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	8.00am	Holy Communion
<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	9.45am	Parish Eucharist
	4.00pm	<b>Crib Service</b>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
<i>Christmas Eve</i>		
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	8.00am	Holy Communion
<i>Christmas Day</i>	9.45am	Parish Eucharist